are my questions. How long does it take to destroy? And what happens when you do not destroy? Please answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTION

Construction of Janata Hotels

*262. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for the construction of low-budget tourist hotels and also development of tourist complexes for promotion of tourist industry;

(b) if so, what is the amount allocated for the construction of such hotels in Orissa;

(c) whether Government have given any encouragement to the public and private sectors to build more Janata Hotels near places of tourist attraction; and

(d) if so, what are the names of the agencies which have undertaken the construction of such hotels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism has a scheme for the construction of low-budget accommodation in the form of Yatri Niwases and Yatrikas to promote tourism.

(b) An amount of Rs. 26.50 lakhs has been sanctioned for the construction of a Yatri Niwas at Satpada in Orissa. Besides, Bhartiya Yatri Awas Vikas Samiti is also setting up a Yatrika at Puri at an estimated cost of Rs. 13.50 lakhs.

(c) and (d) There is no Government scheme for the construction of Janata Hotels as such. However, the India Tourism Development Corporation is constructing 3-star hotels at Guwahati, Puri, Bhopal and Ranchi and 1-2 star hotels at Pondicherry and Itanagar, as joint venture projects in collaboration with the respective State Governments or the Union Territories, which could be used by budget tourists. Private parties are being encouraged to construct more hotels including those of the 1 to 3-star categories by extending certain tax/fiscal reliefs; facility of institutional loan; priority consideration in the allotment of scarcity items like LPG (Cooking Gas), telephone and telex connections; and grant of foreign exchange for imports and overseas advertising, publicity and promotion and a scheme for subsidising the interest on term loans obtained by hotel projects from the financial institutions.

Provident Fund outstanding against M/s. Amrita Bazar Patrika Ltd. and M/s. Jugantar Ltd.

*267. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1609 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether M/s. Amrita Bazar Patrika Limited and M/s. Jugantar Limited (Annex. II) have since deposited the employees' share of provident fund contribution after showing the amount, as deducted from the workers' wages;

(b) if not whether complaints have been filed with the Police authorities under Section 406/409 of the IPC for criminal breach of trust and misappropriation of trust money; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the action taken by the Police auhorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Complaints under Section 406/409 IPC have been filed in both the cases recently and the matter is being followed up with the Police authorities.

Ban on Recruitment

*268. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ban on recruitment in Central Government offices and public sector undertakings has been withdrawn; and

(b) what is the amount saved by Government during the ban period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The Government have recently modified the guidelines regarding filling up of vacancies. According to the revised guidlines, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions, vacancies both Plan and non-Plan arising due to promotion, retirement, death, resignation, dismissal, removal or deputation etc. can now be filled up.

Likewise, the Department of Public Enterprices of the Ministry of Industry have already reviewed the orders regarding ban on recruitment in the public sector enterprises. It is not considered feasible to impose an absolute ban on recruitment to posts in the public sector enterprises which are run on commercial lines and are dealing with production and supply of essential goods and services. Accordingly, subject to certain conditions relaxation has been permitted on recruitment to vacancies in public sector enterprises.

It is not possible to make an estimate of the expenditure that would have occurred had there been no ban on fresh recruitment. As such an estimate of the amount saved on this account is not available.

Raids conducted by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence

*269. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence carried out a countrywide raid on 96 business and residential premises for offences under the Customs Act on 22 July, 1986; if so, with what results; and

(b) whether the D.R.I. also undertook a strict inspection of the baggage at the international airports the same day, if so, what was the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) On 21st/22nd July, 1986, the officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence launched a country-wide operation, code-named "RANA" in co-ordination with the Customs authorities for unearthing customs offences and foreign exchange racketeering. During the operation, 96 business and residential premises, throughout the country, were searched. As a result, contraband goods worth Rs. 1.63 crores, Indian and foreign currency worth Rs. 12.52 lakhs and shares of face value Rs. 1.52 crores suspected to be in the names of fictitious firms, were seized. Incriminating documents indicating over-invoicing, non-repatriation of export proceeds and other FERA violation to the tune of Rs.12.01 crores and holding in foreign banks worth US 19 million were also seized.

(b) During the Operation. 100 per cent examination of incoming passengers' baggage and 10 per cent examination of the outgoing passengers' baggage were undertaken at all the international airports. As a result,